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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM:

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Chief, Legislation Division, OGC

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SUBJECT:

Antiterrorism and Foreign Mercenary
Act - Request for Assistance from
the Department of Justice

1. On 23 September 1982 the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism held a hearing on S. 2255, the "Antiterrorism and Foreign Mercenary Act," a Bill which would have prohibited assistance to military or intelligence components of foreign powers engaging in or supporting international terrorist activities. The Department of State and Justice testified on the Bill; the Agency submitted a written Statement for the Record which characterized the Bill as a positive contribution, but noted that an amendment was needed to ensure that it would not inadvertently impact adversely on U.S. intelligence activities.

2. The Department of Justice has asked for our assistance in responding to two questions asked at the hearing. The questions are set forth in the attached letter from Deputy Assistant Attorney General Mark Richard to our General Counsel. I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide any information you have on hand that would be of assistance to Mr. Richard. For your information, I have attached the operative section of S. 2552. Because this Bill has not been enacted, there obviously is no Presidential proclamation in effect naming any foreign governments, factions or terrorist groups. I would ask, therefore, that you base your response on the most likely candidates for such a list.

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Attachments

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- 1 - C/PCS/DDO
- 1 - Deputy Inspector General
- 1 - Chief, Terrorism Branch, Instability and Insurgency Center/OGI/DDI
- 1 - LED File: Terrorism
- 1 - GMC Signer
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